

REMARKS

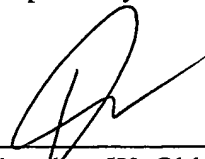
Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. The claims have been amended to address the objections raised by the examiner. In large part, the dependencies of the claims 21-24 created many of the problems leading to the examiner's objections.

Claims 1 and 15 have been rejected, but are amended as shown. In particular, the claims have been amended to recite that a fastener will extend through the back plate of the vane arm, and is to secure the vane arm to a vane body. This amendment to the claims defines the claims around the prior patent to Ludwick. Ludwick has as an explicit goal the elimination of any required additional fastener. As such, Ludwick cannot be amended to include such structure. Certainly Ludwick does not meet the claims.

All claims are now allowable. An indication of such is solicited.

Fees in the amount of \$700.00 (three independent claims over three; and two dependent claims over 20) are paid by the attached check. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



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